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End Temporary Closure Restrictions at Manitou Island

Effective immediately, the National Park Service has terminated the temporary closure and all restrictions placed on visitors frequenting Manitou Island located within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The purpose of these closures and restrictions were to reduce the risks of black bear-human conflicts. The island is now officially open to all normal visitor access and activities.

NPS staff will continue to monitor all black bear activity and use established deterrence methods as needed. Park users are reminded to take proper measures when visiting in bear country. All food, beverages, cooking equipment, and pet food **MUST** be locked in hard sided vehicles/boats, stored in provided bear lockers, and or properly suspended. Garbage must be packed out. Report all bear contacts and sightings to park staff.

Manitou Island is home to an historic fish camp, two miles of hiking trails, and a solitary campsite. It is not considered a heavily visited site, typically drawing 2,000 to 3, 000 visitor days per year.

Visitors may want to check further information about the park staff by calling 715-779-3397, or read more at the park's web site at www.nps.gov/apis.

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